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**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 28, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006 (Office Action) in connection with the above-reference patent application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

This response is accompanied by (i) an Information Disclosure Statement, a list of cited prior art references and copies of the references; and (ii) a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of one month, up to and including December 28, 2006 and the required fee.